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CONGRATULATING THE CENTER
FOR MEDICARE ADVOCACY, INC.
AS IT CELEBRATES IT'S 25TH
ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 12, 2011

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding organization, the Center for Medicare Advocacy, Inc., as they celebrate their 25th Anniversary. Founded and still led by the remarkable Judith Stein, since its inception the Center has grown into an invaluable resource for Medicare recipients as well as legislators and I am proud to say that it all started in Connecticut.

Judy Stein dedicated her professional career to advocacy for the elderly from the very beginning. For 11 years, Judy was the Co-Director of Legal Assistance to Medicare Patients, LAMP, where she managed the first Medicare advocacy program in the country. Throughout her career she has developed and administered Medicare advocacy projects, represented Medicare beneficiaries, produced educational materials, as well as taught and consulted on a variety of Medicare issues. She has also served as lead or co-counsel in federal class action and individual cases challenging improper Medicare policies and denials. To be frank, there are very few in this country who have such a technical or personal understanding of the Medicare program and how it impacts our seniors.

Twenty-five years ago, Judy took all of her experience and passion for advocacy and founded the Center for Medicare Advocacy—an organization that would be dedicated to providing a voice for older Americans and those with disabilities as well as a resource to ensure that they have access to health care financing, necessary care and Medicare. What began as a one-person, one office operation has grown into one of the leading Medicare advocacy organizations in the country. Since it opened its doors, thousands of people have counted on the Center to make sure that they were receiving the benefits that they deserve. Still headquartered in Connecticut, the Center also has an office in Washington, D.C. where they specialize in Medicare and healthcare policy, a data unit in Maine, and attorneys in Arizona, Massachusetts, and New Jersey.

Today, as they celebrate their first 25 years, the Center for Medicare Advocacy can be proud of how far the organization has come as

well as the extraordinary impact they have had on our nation's health care policy and, more importantly, in the lives of the many who have sought them out for assistance. I have no doubt that the Center and its dedicated staff will continue in its innovative advocacy, working to both improve our Medicare system as well as the lives of those who turn to them for guidance and support. Happy 25th Anniversary and best wishes for many more years of success!

EMILY NEWMAN

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 12, 2011

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Emily Newman for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Emily Newman is a 12th grader at Standley Lake High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Emily Newman is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Emily Newman for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

THE DIVERSE TEACHERS RECRUITMENT ACT OF 2011

HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 12, 2011

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to support the effort to bring more diversity to our national teaching force.

Striking statistics compiled by the Department of Education show a lack of diversity among teachers. During the 2007–2008 school year, an estimated 7 percent of teachers were African American, 7 percent were Latino, and 1.2 percent were Asian. More than 83 percent of teachers were white. A total of 75.9 percent of teachers were female and only 24.1 percent male.

Some experts believe this lack of diversity leaves some students without an inspiring role model to whom they can relate. The result may be lower test scores and higher drop-out rates within some student demographics.

I am introducing the Diverse Teachers Recruitment Act of 2011 to address this lack of diversity. The legislation provides grants to school districts to create and implement recruitment programs to bring teachers from underrepresented groups into the classroom.

The grantee will track and compile data showing results of the program, including minority teacher recruitment rates. Data will also include the impact on student learning, growth, and attendance rates.

The Department of Education will analyze the programs and disseminate which were effective in recruiting teachers from underrepresented groups. Successful results could be replicated in other school districts.

It is a worthwhile effort to bring teachers from underrepresented groups into our classrooms. This legislation begins a national effort to build a teaching force that reflects the diverse population of the United States to enhance the learning experience of our students.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I urge consideration of the bill.

DOMINIC GIOVANINI

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 12, 2011

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Dominic Giovanini for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Dominic Giovanini is a 12th grader at Arvada West High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Dominic Giovanini is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Dominic Giovanini for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all his future accomplishments.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF SPC. KEITH T. BUZINSKI

HON. JOHN L. MICA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 12, 2011

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, April 7, 2011 a Central Florida soldier lost his life in service to our nation from wounds suffered when enemy forces attacked his unit with small arms fire in Logar Province while assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, based in Fort Drum, New York.

Specialist Buzinski joined the U.S. Army in August of 2006. Once he completed his training at Fort Benning, Georgia, he was stationed at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, then Fort Polk, Louisiana, where he deployed with his unit in October 2010 after previously serving in Iraq from September 2007 to November 2008.

Specialist Buzinski's impressive list of awards and decorations include the Bronze Star; Purple Heart; Army Commendation Medal; Army Achievement Medal; Valorous Unit Award; Army Good Conduct Medal; National Defense Service Medal; Afghanistan Campaign Medal; Iraq Campaign Medal; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; Army Service Ribbon; two Overseas Service Ribbons; NATO Medal; and Combat Infantryman Badge.